



Re: US patent application, claiming internal priority from Canadian patent application no. 2,332,224, filed January 25, 2001

Title	:	Track with clips in a non-sequential arrangement
Inventor	:	Yves ST-PIERRE
Applicant	:	Soucy International Inc.
Appln. No.	:	unknown
Filing date	:	January 22, 2002
Our file	:	04104-017-US-02

Affidavit in support of Petition and Request under rule 1.181, 1.182 and/or 1.183

I, Sylvie Bergeron, of Montréal, Province of Québec, Canada, do solemnly swear the following facts are true, to the best of my knowledge::

- 1) That I am an employee of Brouillette Kosie, a firm of patent and trade mark agents whose address is 1100 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, 25th Floor, Montréal, Québec, H3B 5C9, Canada;
- 2) That I have reviewed my firm's file with respect to the above identified patent application and thus have knowledge of the following:
 - a) That our file includes a copy of a covering letter to the U.S. Patents and TradeMarks Office signed by Mr. Robert Brouillette, patent agent, including a sheet of filing particulars (see Annex A attached hereto), a complete specification (comprising an abstract, claims and drawings - see Annex B attached hereto), and an Acknowledgment card (see Annex C attached hereto);
 - b) That the Filing particulars (Annex A) includes a claim to internal priority from Canadian patent application no.2,332,224, filed January 25, 2001;
 - c) That on January 18, 2002, our firm faxed a copy of an instruction letter to our U.S. associate, namely Patent Providers, Inc. (see Annex D attached hereto), for the filing at the U.S. Patents and TradeMarks Office of a patent application entitled "Track with clips in a non-sequential arrangement".
 - d) That we received a confirmation fax dated January 23, 2002 (Annexe E) from our U.S. associates, Patent Providers Inc., confirming receipt of the above documents, including a faxed copy of an acknowledgment card bearing the U.S. Patents and TradeMarks Office stamped dated January 22, 2002; we subsequent received the acknowledgment card (Annexe F) carrying the U.S. Patent and TradeMarks Office date stamped January 22, 2002;
 - e) That on July 10, I have reviewed my firm file and noted that the Filing Certificate was not received in our file;

- f) That on July 10, 2002, I called the U.S. Patents and TradeMarks Office and I was advised that no application was on file in respect with the above mentioned patent application;
- g) That on September 10, 2002, I again placed a call at the U.S. Patent and TradeMarks Office and was advise that the U.S. Patent and TradeMarke Office still had any filing under the name of the applicant in regards of the patent application entitled "Track with clips in a non-sequential arrangement".


SYLVIE BERGERON

SWORN BEFORE ME at the city
of Montréal, Province of Québec, Canada,
the 25th day of SEPTEMBER, 2002


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Annex B

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Re : New U.S. Patent Application claiming priority of Canadian
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Inventor/ : Yves St-Pierre
Applicants : Soucy International Inc.
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Dear Mr. Pross,:

You will find enclosed a package containing a US patent application to be filed no later than January 22, 2002 as well as a U.S. PTO post card. Please seal the package with the US PTO post card inside before delivering it to the Patent Office.

Kindly have this new patent application filed at the United States Patent Office on January 22, 2002 and confirm with us by return fax at (514) 397-8515 once the delivery has been done.

Also, please have your confirmation post card (i.e. the 2nd post card attached to this letter) stamped and mailed to our office. As well, please forward your debit note with a copy of this letter.

Yours very truly,

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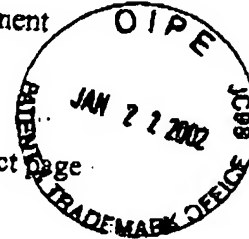
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Dear Madam/Sir:

The undersigned attorney has been authorized by the applicant to file the above-captioned patent application on their behalf.

The application is to be filed in accordance with the enclosed filing particulars.

Please use our deposit account number 02-3980 for the payment of the prescribed fees, i.e. \$US 740.00

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